

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A linear actuator comprising a cabinet, a reversible electric motor with a motor shaft[[7]]; a reduction gear operatively connected with the motor shaft[[7]]; a spindle operatively connected with the reduction gear[[7]]; a spindle nut secured against rotation on the spindle[[7]]; an activating element connected with the spindle nut and for attachment to a structure in which the actuator is to be incorporated[[7]]; a rear attachment disposed in extension of the spindle opposite the activating element likewise for attachment of the actuator in the structure in which the actuator is to be incorporated, ~~wherein the rear attachment has~~having a longitudinal opening in the longitudinal axis of the spindle[[7]]; and ~~a hand crank may be engaged with the spindle via this opening for manual operation of the actuator shaft member provided in the opening as a separate element, said shaft member being connected at one end thereof with one end of the spindle and configured at its other end for operative reception of the end of a hand crank.~~

2. (Cancel)

3. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according claim 21, wherein the shaft member is formed by an extension of the spindle.

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5. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim ~~4~~1, wherein the shaft member is secured to the end of the spindle with a cylindrical object.
6. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim 5, wherein the cylindrical object has an end bottom with a hole at the end of the spindle, and that this is shaped as a rivet head for retaining the cylindrical object.
7. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim 6, wherein the shaft member is connected with the cylindrical object by a pin.
8. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim 1, wherein the opening has a circular cross-section, and that the shaft member likewise has a circular cross-section.
9. (Cancel)
10. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim ~~9~~13, wherein the rear attachment is split about a longitudinal central plane, and ~~that the two~~first and second seals are formed as two integrated halves.
11. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim 1, ~~wherein it comprises~~including a power supply with a connection to ~~the~~ mains voltage and an outlet with a reduced voltage for connection to the motor ~~of the actuator~~, an electrical control comprising an H-bridge with two

relays for switching the power to the motor on and off and for reversing the direction of the current direction for reversing the direction of rotation rotational direction of the motor, and ~~that wherein~~ the H-bridge comprises at least a diode so that the motor is not short-circuited when the actuator is operated manually with the hand crank.

12. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The actuator according to claim 11, wherein the H-bridge comprises a further diode so that the motor is not short-circuited when the actuator is operated manually with the hand crank for running toward another end portion.

13. (New) A linear actuator comprising a cabinet, a reversible electric motor with a motor shaft; a reduction gear operatively connected with the motor shaft; a spindle operatively connected with the reduction gear; a spindle nut secured against rotation on the spindle; an activating element connected with the spindle nut and for attachment to a structure in which the actuator is to be incorporated; a separate rear attachment mounted at the end of the cabinet with a first seal and disposed in extension of the spindle opposite the activating element likewise for attachment of the actuator in the structure in which the actuator is to be incorporated, the rear attachment having a longitudinal opening in the longitudinal axis of the spindle; and a shaft member provided in the opening for engagement of a hand crank for manual operation of the spindle, said shaft member including a second seal.